Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: That is the member is referring to the train from Ernakulam to Shoranur. I do not know what the difficulty there is. No one has expressed any difficulty with regard to the timings from here. If the Hon'ble Member wants the train to start earlier than 11-15 that will not be possible.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will it be possible to have the evening train which starts from Ernakulam at 4-50 or so, start little later after 5 or 5-30 so that litigants may go after their work in the High Court is over.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: These timings are fixed by the Railway authorities after consulting all the possible points of view, and if the Hon'ble Member has any particular suggestion Government have no objection to forward it to the Company and ask it whether it could be complied with. An off hand answer from the Government is not possible to any such question.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I bring it to the notice of the Government that a trian leaving Ernakulam and reaches Shoranur simply stops for 2½ hours without any connection there. Will the Government be pleased to address the Company to see that this train leaves a little later.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: We addressed them before. We can do it once again. We will consider the suggestion.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Government be pleased to consider my suggestion, to have a m rning train from Trichur to Ernakulam?

Mr. President: A very difficult thing to suggest an additional train, much more difficult than altering the existing timings.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the Government will be pleased to consider the feasibility of having the evening train from Shoranur which reaches Ernakulam at 11-15, starting from Shoranur earlier.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The same reply as I gave before will apply. The Railway Board would have considered all the aspects of the question before fixing the timings. Government have no objection to forward any suggestion which Hon'ble Members make, if they will give in writing exactly what is required, we will communicate it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the evening train leaves Shoranur adjusting itself with the Mangalore Mail, Mail from Mangalore running to Madras?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I do not really know on what principle the Railway authorities fix the timings. I really am not an expert in that line. I do not know what factors have induced the Railway authorities to fix the timings in this particular fashion. But one thing I know that they would not have done it unreasonably and that they would have certainly the convenience of the public as one of the primary factors in fixing the timings.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Can the House take, Sir, that the Government will be pleased to put before the Railway Board the feasibility of starting the evening train earlier than its present timing, so that it may reach here about 9 o'clock or so.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes,

LEAVE—POLICE COMMISSIONER

236. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*:

Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have seen the note on page 3 of the "Madras Mail" of March 1st regarding the application of the Cochin Police Commissioner for leave;

(*b*) is there any truth that the Commissioner has applied for leave;

(*c*) if so, for how many months; is it preparatory to his retirement;

(*d*) is there any truth that if his reversion is to Madras Service his successor should be from that service;

(*e*) has Government any idea to perpetuate the system of recruiting the Chief Police Officer from British Service?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Three months.

(*d*) A decision in the matter has not yet been made.

(*e*) No.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether in the opinion of the Government the answer to sub-division (c) is a complete answer for the whole question ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes, that is the Government view.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the latter part of the question—"Is it preparatory to his retirement?" will be kindly answered by Government ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* At present it cannot be definitely stated.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* So, 3 months leave that has been proposed to be granted to the Commissioner of Police.....

Mr. President: Order, order. 3 months leave for which he has applied. There is no proposal.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Thank you Sir, for the correction. Is it preparatory to his retirement is a specific question. "Three months" is the answer for the 1st portion. Is there any answer for the Government to give for the latter portion of the question ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government cannot say definitely now, whether it is preparatory to retirement or not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With regard to the last clause, "has the Government any idea of perpetuating the system of recruiting the Chief Police Officer from British Service ?", "No" is the answer, for which we thank you. Will this answer "no" be put into practical politics in selecting the successor to our present very efficient Commissioner of Police ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It will be considered.

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237. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ:

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) കൺട്രോൾ കേസ്സുസംബന്ധമായി എക്സൈസ്സ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിലെ എത്ര ജീവനക്കാരും ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരും ശിക്ഷിക്കപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടു ;

(ബി) ഈ കേസ്സുകളിൽ എത്ര എണ്ണം കമ്മീഷണർ അവർകൾ കൃത്യസ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ പോയി നേരിട്ടു അന്വേഷണം നടത്തീട്ടുണ്ടു ;

(സി) പെരുമാറ്റി എക്സൈസ്സ് പോസ്റ്റിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്ന ജോൺ, കോരൻ എന്നീ രണ്ടു ശിപായിമാരെ സസ്പെണ്ടു ചെയ്തിരുന്നില്ലേ ;

(ഡി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അവരുടെ പേരിലുള്ള കുറ്റം എന്തായിരുന്നു ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു:

(എ) ആകെ ൪൯ പേർ (൫൬ incidents).

(ബി) ൫൨ എണ്ണം.

(സി) ഉവ്വു.

(ഡി) പെർമിറ്റിൽ അധികാരപ്പെട്ടുള്ളതിൽ കൂടുതൽ കന്നുകാലികളെ കടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടുപോകുവാൻ അനുവദിച്ചതിനു.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: കൂടുതൽ കന്നുകാലികളെ കൊണ്ടുപോയതു് ഇവിടെനിന്നു ബ്രിട്ടീഷിലേക്കോ, ബ്രിട്ടീഷിൽനിന്നു കൊച്ചിയിലേക്കോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: പെർമിറ്റു് ഇല്ലാതെ ബ്രിട്ടീഷിൽനിന്നു കൊച്ചിയിലേക്കു കടത്തി.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ. കൊച്ചിയിൽനിന്നു ബ്രിട്ടീഷിലേക്കോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: അല്ല, ബ്രിട്ടീഷിൽനിന്നു കൊച്ചിയിലേക്കു.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ: പെർമിറ്റിൽ അധികാരപ്പെടുത്തീട്ടുള്ളതിൽ കൂടുതൽ കന്നുകാലികളെ .....

Mr. President: Order, order. I think the Hon'ble Member is sufficiently acquainted with English.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthvssan *(Vadakkancheri):* I find a Malayalam question.

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